

Elkton FFA Chapter

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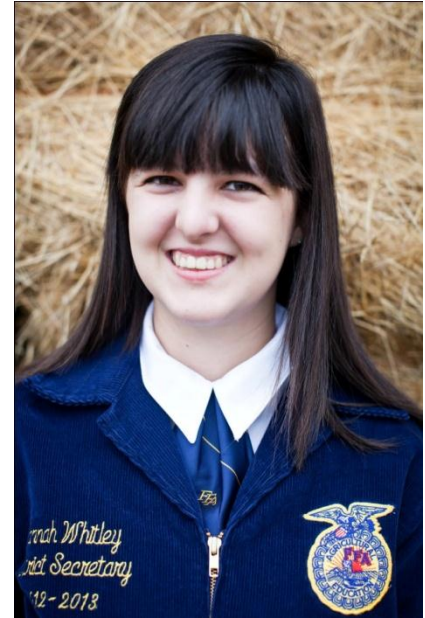
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Oregon FFA,

Imagine how difficult it would be to write a symphony—to dream up every single note, melody and dynamic in order to create one beautiful work of art. Although many of us believe in reaching for our dreams, we still admit that we may never be capable of writing the next classical masterpiece. Now think about writing that same symphony, without being able to hear any of it as you go. That's how Beethoven did it. Beethoven helped shape the future of music even after he began to lose his hearing at the age of 26. Over the next 20 years, Beethoven would become almost completely deaf, but he never gave up on his passion. During one of the most trying times in his life, Beethoven created hundreds of musical orchestrations, many of which have been argued to be some of the greatest symphonies ever written.

In life, we are often faced with obstacles that stand between us and happiness or success. Faced with adversity, we may stop fighting for our aspirations, or even worse – give up. Whether it may be during a hardship brought upon by school or athletics, or during a personal trouble in your life, these times of adversity can sometimes overcome us and swallow our enthusiasm if we let them. To make sure that we do not let adversity defeat us, we must keep in mind that as long as we embrace these challenges, they may actually turn out to shape us for the better.



I was first introduced to the FFA when I attended my first leadership camp as a freshman in high school. Having been battling with personal obstacles of my own, I was unsure if being actively involved in such a powerful organization would be the right move for me. Then one autumn day, I was introduced to six individuals clad in blue corduroy. That leadership camp, those State Officers showed me that though hardships may come and go throughout our lives, it is our job as strong leaders to never give in and let our dreams be taken over from anything trying to overcome us.

Throughout my career as an FFA member, the organization has given me the opportunity to experience life shaping events and meet individuals from across the nation that have inspired me to never give up on anything I set my mind to. The Oregon FFA Association has inspired me to never let an obstacle stand between me and success, and now it is my turn to help inspire others.

Like Beethoven creating beautiful music even as adversity made way into his life, it is time for me to pursue my passion to serve Oregon FFA as a State Officer. Oregon FFA, I proudly announce my candidacy for the 2013-2014 Oregon FFA State Officer Team.

Sincerely,

Hannah Whitley
2012-2013 Elkton FFA Chapter President
2012-2013 Umpqua FFA District Secretary

Leadership & Activities

FRESHMAN YEAR (09-10)

Leadership in FFA:

- Oregon FFA Poultry Production Proficiency Committee Member

Achievements & Involvement in FFA:

- Greenhand FFA Degree
- Outstanding Agriculture Student
- Umpqua District Leadership Camp
- Greenhand Conference
- District Creed Speaking
- District Beginning Public Speaking
- Elkton FFA Greenhouse Sale

Achievements in Other Activities:

- Freshman Class President
- FBLA Chapter President
- Varsity Volleyball
- Varsity Basketball
- Outstanding Sociology Student
- President's Award for Education Achievement
- American Citizenship Award
- Perfect Attendance
- High Honor Roll

Participation in Other Activities:

- Elkton High Yearbook Staff
- Canned Food Drive
- Community Blood Drive

SOPHOMORE YEAR (10-11)

Leadership in FFA:

- Elkton FFA Chapter President
- Oregon FFA Poultry Production Proficiency Committee Member

Achievements & Involvement in FFA:

- Chapter FFA Degree
- Umpqua District Leadership Camp
- District Beginning Ag Sales
- District and Sectional Sophomore Public Speaking
- District Advanced Rituals
- Oregon FFA Alumni Washington Leadership Conference Scholarship Recipient
- Washington Leadership Conference
- Douglas County FFA Grand Champion Poultry Showman

Achievements in Other Activities:

- Sophomore Class President
- FBLA Chapter President
- Varsity Volleyball
- Varsity Basketball

- President's Award for Education Achievement
- High Honor Roll
- Outstanding Language Arts Student

Participation in Other Activities:

- Canned Food Drive
- Community Blood Drive

JUNIOR YEAR (11-12)

Leadership in FFA:

- Elkton FFA Chapter Vice-President
- Chapter Recruitment Committee Chair
- Chapter Activities Committee Member
- Chapter Banquet Committee Member
- Chapter National FFA Week Committee Member

Achievements & Involvement in FFA:

- Umpqua District Leadership Camp
- District Advanced Soils
- District Advanced Ag Sales
- District Advanced Public Speaking
- District Advanced Rituals
- District Parliamentary Procedure
- District and State Co-Op Quiz
- District, Sectional, and State Job Interview
- Elkton High School FFA Week
- Elkton FFA Chapter Banquet
- Outstanding Elkton FFA Member
- Douglas County FFA Grand Champion Poultry Showman

Achievements in Other Activities:

- Student Body President
- FBLA Chapter President
- Varsity Volleyball
- Varsity Basketball
- President's Award for Education Achievement
- President's Honor Roll
- Completion of FBLA Business Achievement Awards
- 2nd Place State FBLA Computer Applications

Participation in Other Activities:

- Canned Food Drive
- Community Blood Drive

SENIOR YEAR (12-13)

Leadership in FFA:

- Elkton FFA Chapter President
- Chapter Recruitment Committee Member
- Chapter Activities Committee Member
- Chapter Banquet Committee Member

Achievements & Involvement in FFA:

- Chapter Officer Retreat
- Umpqua District Leadership Camp
- District Advanced Ag Sales
- District Extemporaneous Speaking
- District Advanced Rituals
- District Parliamentary Procedure

Achievements in Other Activities:

- Student Body President
- FBLA Member
- Varsity Volleyball
- Varsity Basketball
- President's Honor Roll

Participation in Other Activities:

- Canned Food Drive
- Community Blood Drive